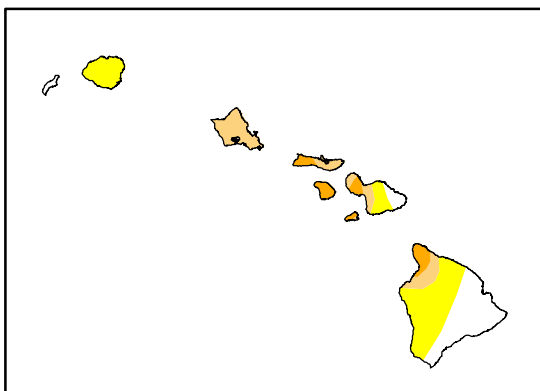
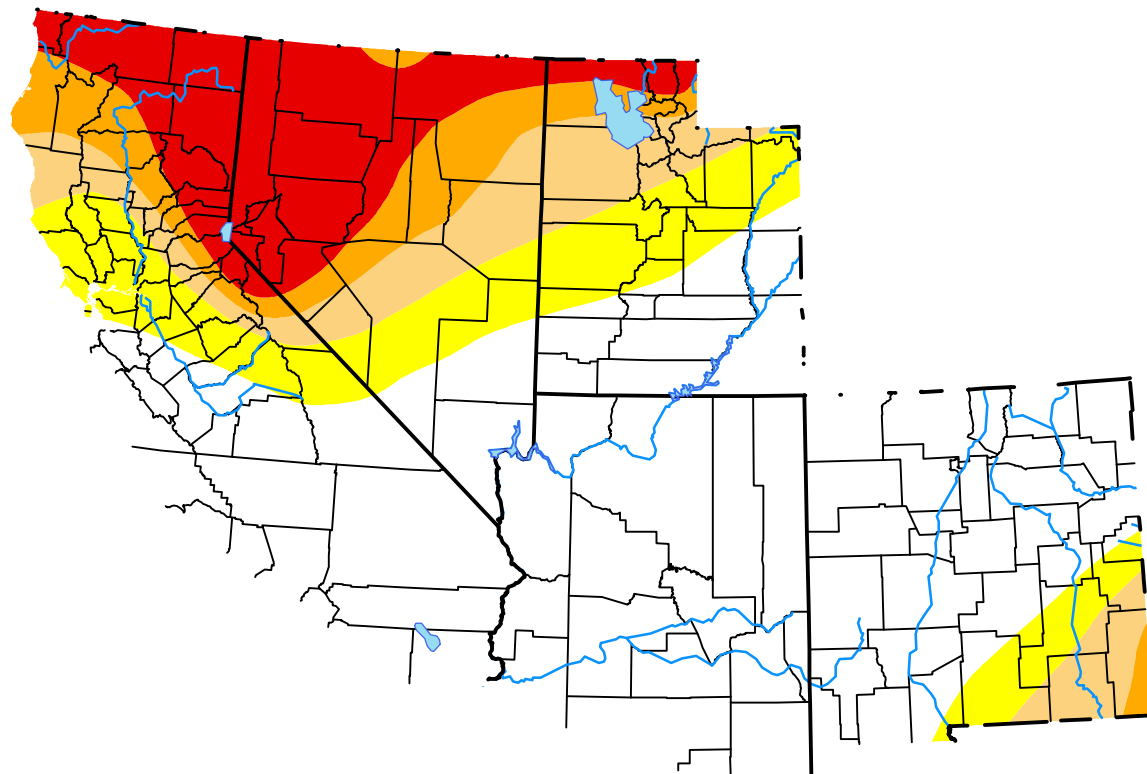


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.05	40.95	28.03	18.82	12.31	0.00
Last Week 08-16-2001	57.96	42.04	26.71	17.99	10.52	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-24-2001	75.43	24.57	11.51	1.26	0.06	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-04-2001	83.72	16.28	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-28-2000	38.83	61.17	25.82	7.12	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-24-2000	38.27	61.73	24.88	3.02	0.12	0.00

Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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